

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Aufldish, Moran and Troy

Commissioner Moran presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH AND CELEBRATING ITS 2013 THEME "SMART JUSTICE: CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES"**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Lake County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are often the entity providing both direct and indirect services to enhance the lives of its residents and are responsible for maintaining public safety and the efficient use of local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, currently more than 13 million individuals are booked into county jails each year and more than 700,000 individuals are booked into state and federal prisons; and

WHEREAS, National Association of Counties President Chris Rodgers is encouraging counties to promote effective community corrections programs across the country through his 2012-13 "Smart Justice" presidential initiative; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, among many other proactive initiatives and statistics in Lake County:

- according to the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Central Communications Division dispatched in response to 96,749 incidents in 2012.
- Central Communications provides a regional option for police or fire dispatching services for 17 Public Safety Agencies throughout Lake County, including: Grand River, Kirtland Hills, LakeMetro Parks, Madison Village, North Perry, Timberlake, Painesville City, Perry Village, Concord, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, Leroy, Madison, Painesville Township, Perry Village, Perry Township and the Lake County Sheriff's Office.
- Reverse 9-1-1 provides the ability to send messages from the Lake County Sheriff's Office-Central Communications system to homes in any given geographic area of Lake County.
- The Board of Commissioners have invested in upgrades to the emergency radio system to incorporate the latest technological advances that empower reliable, expedient communications for first responders.
- The Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Department of Job and Family Services to identify parents who are delinquent in providing child support and incorporate a variety of methods to seek justice for the children who rely on them.
- The Victim Assistance Division of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Offices provides immediate, caring and quality advocacy services to victims of crime in Lake County and ensure that crime victims are treated with fairness, dignity and respect in the criminal justice process.
- membership in NorthEast Ohio Community Alternative Program (N.E.O.C.A.P.) a community-based correctional facility providing an alternative to prison incarceration for low-level felons provided safe, secure and effective community based sanction for appropriate felony offenders in partnership with local criminal justice officials, community and state agencies . They are the last step in the continuum of increasing punishment before prison incarceration. Each program is highly structured with assessment, treatment, and follow-up services to reduce criminal behavior by offenders. Emphasis is on substance abuse treatment, employment, education, community service, and transitional services to the community. The purpose of a Community-Based Correctional Facility is to:
  - Reduce state prison commitments
  - Reduce the costs of incarceration in Ohio
  - Provide maximum public safety
  - Facilitate offender re-entry into the community
  - Make efficient use of limited prison space for serious offenders.

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- The Juvenile Court has implemented innovative programs, including:
  - ▶ New Voices for Girls
  - ▶ Detention Gardening Program
  - ▶ Achievement Program / Drug Court
  - ▶ Work Detail
  - ▶ Intensive Community Rehabilitation
  - ▶ Parent Project
  - ▶ Traffic Waiver Program
  - ▶ A-Ten-D Truancy Program
  - ▶ Saturday Work Program
  - ▶ Saturday Academic Program
  - ▶ Community Service
  - ▶ Substance Abuse Program
  - ▶ Clinical Assessments
  - ▶ Felony Education
  - ▶ Splashtop, a secure and cost-effective remote access solution to replace a multiple step, unreliable and limited access offline method that allows probation officers to remotely access their confidential case management data on their PCs from iPads

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners in and for Lake County, Ohio, does hereby proclaim April 2013 as National County Government Month and encourage all County officials, employees, schools and residents to celebrate the vital role of county government in our communities and in our lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to All Lake County Elected Officials and Department Supervisors.

Commissioner Troy seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy

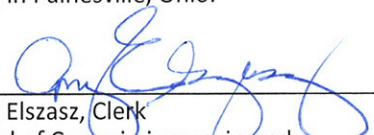
"NAYS": None

Resolution adopted,  
Amy Elszasz, Clerk

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

I, Amy Elszasz, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on March 28, 2013, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2013.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-eighth day of March, 2013, in Painesville, Ohio.

  
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Amy Elszasz, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners, in and  
for Lake County, Ohio